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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- (Currently Amended) Method for nozzle-injection of gas into molten glass, characterized 1. through the following features comprising:
 - the introducing a gas stream is introduced into the a molten mass in a temporally 1.1 pulsed, throughput;
 - interrupting the gas stream is interrupted-between two sequential pulses; 1.2
 - wherein the duration of a the pulses amounts to less than 1 s. 1.3
- (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized by the fact that wherein 2. the duration of the a pulses amounts to less than 100 ms.
- (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized by the fact that wherein 3. the duration of the a pulses amounts to less than 50 ms.
- (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized by the fact that wherein 4. following the pulse the pressure falloff of a pulse falls from a maximum value to null takes place within a time span of less than 100 ms.
- (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized by the fact that wherein 5. following the pulse the pressure falloff of a pulse falls from a maximum value to null takes place-within a time span of less than 50 ms.
- (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized by the fact that wherein 6. athe temporal interval between two sequential pulses amounts to at least 1 s.

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- 7. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized by the fact that wherein athe temporal interval between two sequential pulses amounts to at least 10 s.
- (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, eharacterized through the following features further comprising the step of:
 - 8.1 depleting the molten mass is freed of foreign gases through flushing with O₂ gas;
 - 8.2 <u>wherein the introduced pulsing of the gas stream produces bubbles are given</u>

 having a high surface-area/volume ratio through impressed pressure profiles, in order to minimize the bubbling gas amount bubble volume and to maximize the expelling of foreign gas.